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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Lawsuit as an Effective Mechanism for Children Affected by Terrorism

Childhood is mixed with peace, happiness and kindness, but mystic people, with violence and harassment, deprive these things of the childhood world and expose millions of children around the world to disgust, anxiety, and concern.

The suffering of children from extremism and violence has become increasingly intense from generation to generation, and has made their pain as a permanent sorrow. What exacerbates this pain is the lack of accountability of perpetrators and supporters of crimes against children in the world.

The pain of the child victims of terrorism is the common pain of all honorable people in the world, but some nations such as Islamic Republic of Iran, Afghanistan, Iraq, Syrian Arab Republic, the Occupied Palestinian Territory and Yemen feel this pain more than others because they have been the victims of the insecurity and destruction which has affected millions of children.

The international community has no more power to confront threats against the world of children other than expressing concern and condemning the crimes against defenceless children.

Association for Defending Victims of Terrorism considers the project of lawsuit for child victims as an effective mechanism to support children affected by terrorism, and believes that the crimes against children will not be stopped and will intensified until the perpetrators of child rights violations are brought to justice.

Lawsuit is a mechanism in which criminals express the hidden facts of the supporters of the crimes in a legal process, and these facts will calm down the injured and of the society and, ultimately, the realization of justice as a guarantee to prevent the repetition of crime.

In the end, we call on all responsible authorities at the national and international levels to help us achieve the goals of this international project, namely the creation of a safe world for children.